

# Disabilities Services



*Make the world a better place for everyone! The following organizations have programs and services that assist people with disabilities in our community. Discover the variety of ways that you can be a part of making Bloomington and Monroe County an inclusive and welcoming community.*

## CITY OF BLOOMINGTON SPECIAL PROJECTS

401 N. Morton St., Ste. 260 47404  
349-3471  
[www.bloomington.in.gov/cfrd](http://www.bloomington.in.gov/cfrd)

**Volunteer Contact:** Craig Brenner  
**Email:** [brennec@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:brennec@bloomington.in.gov)

**Minimum Age:** 13

*The Department's Special Projects include Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission, Commission on the Status of Women, Council for Community Accessibility, and Commission on the Status of Black Males.*

\* Help is needed with board and commission special projects and events such as Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and the annual Women's History Month Luncheon. Teens can also help by surveying businesses for wheelchair accessibility.

## MONROE COUNTY YMCA

2125 S. Highland Ave. 47401  
332-5555 ext. 251  
[www.monroecountyyymca.org](http://www.monroecountyyymca.org)

**Volunteer Contact:** Kim Smith  
**Email:** [ksmith@monroecountyyymca.org](mailto:ksmith@monroecountyyymca.org)

**Minimum Age:** 16

*Strengthens our community through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all.*

\* Volunteer Adapted Aquatic Swim Instructors will be trained to work with participants that may have physical and/or developmental disabilities with swimming, water safety, recreation and social skills. Teens can also participate as assistant youth sports coaches for soccer, flag football, basketball and gymnastics. Other teen volunteer opportunities are available in youth summer sports camps in basketball, flag football, gymnastics, golf, volleyball and baseball.

## OPTIONS FOR BETTER LIVING

PO Box 1732, 200 E. Winslow Rd. 47402-1732  
332-9615 ext. 228  
[www.optionsfbl.com](http://www.optionsfbl.com)

**Volunteer Contact:** Evie Madsen  
**Email:** [emadsen@optionsfbl.com](mailto:emadsen@optionsfbl.com)

**Minimum Age:** 16

*Options partners with people with disabilities and their communities to bring about self directed and fulfilled lives. Provides residential, community and employment services, targeted case management and support.*

\* Be an event and party volunteer at Chocolate Fest, the Annual Picnic, Halloween Party, and the Holiday Open House - a variety of positions are available year round for pre-event, planning and onsite volunteering. Assistance with copying, filing, typing, mailings and database entry is also needed.

## PEOPLE AND ANIMAL LEARNING SERVICES (PALS)

680 W. That Rd., 47403  
336-2798 ofc. / 824-3000 barn  
[www.palstherapy.org](http://www.palstherapy.org)

**Volunteer Contact:** Fern Bonchek  
**Email:** [pals@indiana.edu](mailto:pals@indiana.edu)

**Minimum Age:** 14

*PALS is a nonprofit equine assisted program providing therapeutic riding and hippotherapy services to children and adults with disabilities as well as at-risk youth. PALS is accredited by the NARHA and is a United Way Member Agency.*

\* Teens can volunteer at PALS assisting in therapeutic riding lessons and working with horses. Responsibilities include leading horses and side-walking with riders during riding lessons. Volunteers also help groom, saddle, train, care for horses and help with barn chores. No horse experience necessary! A commitment of 3-4 hours per week is requested.

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## **STONE BELT**

2815 E. 10th St. 47408  
332-2168, ext. 279  
www.stonebelt.org

**Volunteer Contact:** Larry Pejeau  
**Email:** lpejeau@stonebelt.org

**Minimum Age:** 13

*Prepares, empowers and supports persons with developmental disabilities and their families to participate in the life of the community.*

\* Volunteer jobs include working with individuals in their residential program or vocational rehabilitation program, organizing special events, assisting with fundraising events and activities, assisting with agency public relations, or volunteering at the Infant and Child Developmental Services in various capacities.